

CHAPTER 78

"BELLEMERE"





100,000
BELI FOR ONE
HUMAN ADULT,

AND 50,000
BELI FOR ONE
HUMAN CHILD.



HOW MANY
HAVE WE
COLLECTED
SO FAR?

CONSIDERING THAT WE
CAME WITH NO NOTICE,
WE'LL ONLY KILL
THOSE WHO CAN'T PAY
UP RIGHT NOW...!



THIS
IS...
TOO MUCH...

EXCELLENT!

ALMOST 25
MILLION...

THEY WON'T BE
ABLE TO SEE
OUR HOUSE
SINCE YOU
CAN'T SEE IT
HERE FROM
THE VILLAGE.

DON'T
WORRY.

WHAT DO WE DO,
NOJIKO... DO YOU
THINK BELLEMERE'S
ALRIGHT?

JUST BEAR WITH
IT FOR NOW...
FORTUNATELY, NO
ONE WILL BE KILLED
THIS TIME.

HOW'RE WE
SUPPOSED TO
MAKE A
LIVING,

IF WE HAVE
TO PAY THAT
MUCH EVERY
MONTH...!

WITH HER AND HER 2
KIDS, THEY'D HAVE TO
PAY 200,000 BELL...
THERE'S NO WAY SHE'D
HAVE THAT MUCH
MONEY SAVED UP...

NOW PLEASE
JUST GO BACK
WITHOUT NOTICING
BELLEMERE'S HOME!

I GUESS
WE SHOULD
CONSIDER
OURSELVES
FORTUNATE IF
WE CAN SOLVE
THIS CRISIS
WITH MONEY
ALONE...

THEY'VE
TOOK COMPLETE
CONTROL OF
OUR VILLAGE...

LET'S PULL
BACK FOR
TODAY,
BRETHREN!

ALRIGHT,



NO...!



HMM?



ARLONG! THERE
SEEMS TO BE A
HOUSE A LITTLE
AWAY FROM THE
VILLAGE!



BELLEMERE!



OVER
THERE.

THAT SMOKE
MUST BE
COMING FROM
SOMEONE'S
HOME.



WE
ALMOST
MISSED
IT...



MM
HMM HM.











HAHA
HAHA!

SHAHA
HAHA!



WHAT'S SO
FUNNY!?

DAMN IT!
WHY DID
THINGS
HAVE TO
TURN OUT
THIS WAY!



OF YOUR
INFERIOR
RACE.

THE
INCOMPE-
TENCE,

WHA...!?



NOJIKO...
NAMI...!

IT'S
NO GOOD...!
THESE GUYS
ARE LITERALLY
MONSTERS!
I'M GOING TO
BE KILLED!

YOU CAN SOLVE IT
WITH MONEY ALONE!

DON'T THROW
YOUR LIFE
AWAY JUST
BECAUSE OF
SOME INANE
SENSE OF
JUSTICE!

BELLEMERE,
YOU FOOL!

THIS IS A
MEANING-
LESS FIGHT!

NOT NEARLY
ENOUGH.

BELLEMERE,
HOW MUCH
MONEY DO
YOU HAVE
SAVED UP?

EACH
HOUSE-
HOLD...

EVEN WITH
MY SECRET
SAVINGS, I
BARELY HAVE
100 GRAND.

100 GRAND FOR
ONE HUMAN ADULT,
AND 50 GRAND FOR
ONE HUMAN CHILD.
AS LONG AS EACH
HOUSEHOLD CAN
PAY THAT AMOUNT,
THE VILLAGE WILL
BE FINE.

IT'S AS
HE SAYS,
MARINE
GIRL...

GEN...!

YOU INVITED ME
FOR TONIGHT'S
DINNER, RIGHT?!

JUST PAY THE
AMOUNT FOR
ONE ADULT.

BELLEME...
ス...

SO HURRY UP
LEST THE FOOD
GO COLD...

THERE'S A
MEAL SET
UP FOR 3
PEOPLE
INSIDE!

ARLONG!

3 PEOPLE
MUST BE
LIVING
HERE!

LOOKS LIKE
ALL THE
VILLAGERS
ARE SAFE
FOR NOW

GOOD THING
YOU HAD
ENOUGH
MONEY...

GEN...!?

THAT'LL BE
100,000 BELL
THEN. ARE YOU
GOING TO PAY UP
OR WOULD YOU
RATHER DIE
INSTEAD?

ALRIGHT
THEN...

THIS WOMAN'S
NEVER BEEN
MARRIED NOR
HAD ANY
CHILDREN.

ACCORD-
ING TO THE
TOWN
REGISTRY,

CROSS THE
OCEAN AND RUN
AWAY AS FAR
AS YOU CAN.

YOU TWO NEED
TO LEAVE THIS
VILL... NO,
THIS ISLAND!

SO WHILE
THOSE PIRATES
ARE BLIND
TO YOUR
EXISTENCE,

THERE'S NO PROOF
THAT YOU'RE
BELLEMERE'S
DAUGHTERS.

DO YOU
UNDERSTAND?
NOJIKO, NAME...!

I'M AFRAID
THIS IS THE
ONLY WAY ALL
3 OF YOU CAN
BE SAVED!

IS IT BECAUSE
WE'RE POOR...?

CAN'T WE BE
BELLEMERE'S
DAUGHTERS
ANYMORE...!?

NO! WHY DO WE
HAVE TO LEAVE!?

I WANT TO
STAY AND LIVE
HERE IN THIS
VILLAGE...!

WE CAN'T
AFFORD
ANY
OTHER
ALTER-
NATIVES
IN THIS
CRISIS!

FAMILY
OR
THEIR
LIVES!

THEY
MIGHT
DIE OUT
THERE!

DOC, THIS IS
TOO MUCH
FOR THEM.

WE
CAN'T JUST
SEND THESE
YOUNG GIRLS
OFF TO THE
SEA ALONE...



NOJIKO!

ALRIGHT, I'LL
LEAVE THIS
VILLAGE!



GOOD.

EXACTLY
100,000
BELI.



I'LL BE ABLE TO
SAVE MY TWO
CHILDREN...!



LET'S GO, NAM!
IT'S FINE AS
LONG AS IT
MEANS BELLE-
MERE WILL BE
SAVED!

BELLE-
MERE...



WITH THOSE
100,000 BELI,

THANK
GOODNESS...



I DON'T HAVE
ENOUGH TO PAY
FOR MYSELF.

THAT MONEY IS
MY CHILDREN'S
SHARE.

I'M SORRY,
GEN...

WHAT?

BELLEMERE!

I... I JUST CAN'T
BRING MYSELF TO
SAY THAT I DON'T
HAVE A FAMILY.

HOW
COULD
YOU DO
SUCH A
STUPID
THING!?

EVEN IF IT
MEANS I'LL
LOSE MY
LIFE...!

BELLEMERE.

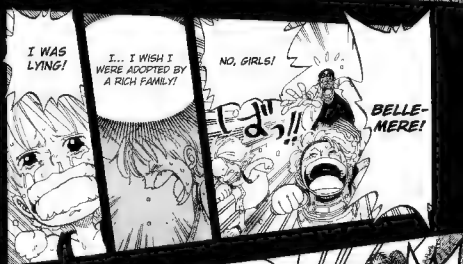
THOSE
GIRLS... ARE
MY CHILDREN,
AREN'T THEY?

EVEN IF
IT'S JUST
MERE WORDS,
I STILL WANT
TO BE CALLED
AS THEIR
MOTHER.



CHILDREN
...P

YOU
HAVE...



I WAS
LYING!

I... I WISH I
WERE ADOPTED BY
A RICH FAMILY!

NO, GIRLS!

BELLE-
MERE!



CRACK

OWN.

NAMI!
NOJIKO!

BELLE-
MERE!

DRIP

ぎゅっ...!!!

FORGIVE ME...

I REALLY WANTED
TO BUY YOU GIRLS A
LOT OF THINGS...

FOR NOT EVER
BEING ABLE TO
DO ANYTHING
MOTHERLY FOR
YOU GIRLS...

WHETHER IT BE
NEW BOOKS OR
NEW CLOTHES!

AREN'T YOU A FORMER
MARINE, BELLEMERE?
YOU'RE STRONG, RIGHT?
YOU SHOULD BE ABLE TO
BEAT THESE GUYS UP NO
PROBLEM!

SO
PLEASE
STAY
WITH US
FOREVER!

THAT'S NOT
TRUE! WE
DON'T NEED
ANYTHING SO
PLEASE DON'T
DIE!

YES, THAT'S
RIGHT!

ARE THESE
KIDS YOUR
DAUGHTERS?

I STILL HAVEN'T SHOWN
YOU THE MAP OF THE
WORLD I'LL DRAW!

PLEASE
DON'T
DIE,
BELLE-
MERE!



TOOOO!!

SOMEBODY!
PLEASE
HELP!

OF COURSE.
THAT IS, AS
LONG AS YOU
DIE QUIETLY.

SO DON'T
LAY A FINGER
ON THEM, YOU
HEAR?



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TAKE UP
ARMS
AND
FIGHT!

LET'S
GO SAVE
BELLE-
MERE!





